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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Bulgarian Trudovak Brigades

1. A Trudovak Brigade is located in each of the following Bulgarian cities:

- a. Sofia, 1 Trudovak Brigade  
b. Stara Zagora, 2 Trudovak Brigade  
c. Plovdiv, Brigade  
d. Shumen, 4 Trudovak Brigade,  
e. Turnovo, 5 Trudovak Brigade  
f. Pleven, 6 Trudovak Brigade  
g. Varna, Brigade

this brigade was organized in 1951; and

- h. Chepelare, Asenovgrad okoliya, Brigade number not known  
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Ammunition Dump Near Shumen

2. An ammunition dump is located at the summit of Ilchov Bair, a hill situated one kilometer south of Shumen. The dump is located in a wooded area, is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, and consists of the following buildings:

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- a. Two 1-story buildings, 10 x 5 meters in size; and
- b. Five or six 1-story buildings, 2 x 2 meters in size.

These buildings have no windows.

- 3. The ammunition dump near Shumen is guarded by an unidentified Army unit. A road connects the dump and a stone quarry located in the vicinity, to the city of Shumen.

The 4 Trudovak Brigade

- 4. The headquarters of 4 Trudovak Brigade [redacted] is located at the Trudovak camp situated one kilometer west of Shumen. Approximately 16 officers are assigned to 4 Trudovak Brigade headquarters, among whom are the following:

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- a. Colonel Zhelev (fnu), 4 Brigade commanding officer, from the Chirpan area.

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- b. Captain Milkov (fnu), chief of staff

- c. Major Peshev (fnu), assistant commanding officer (political)

- d. Lieutenant Naydenov (fnu), chief of the Dürzhavna Sigurnost (State Security) section of 4 Trudovak Brigade headquarters

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- e. Captain Dimov (fnu), assistant chief of staff

- 5. The 4 Trudovak Brigade Headquarters Company

[redacted] is composed of 60-70 enlisted men under the command of four officers. Two of the officers are:

- a. Captain Georgiev (fnu), commanding officer

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- b. Lieutenant Kürtev (fnu), assistant commanding officer (political)

- 6. The Trudovak camp includes one main 3-story building which is 15 x 10 meters in size. The building's second floor is used by 4 Trudovak Brigade headquarters and the third floor is used as sleeping quarters for the men of the Headquarters Company. This camp also includes other smaller buildings which are used as storehouses, workshops, stables, a mess hall, and a kitchen.

- 7. A company of 4 Trudovak Brigade is stationed at each of the following villages:

- a. Svetlen (N 43-19, E 26-17), Popovo okoliya;
- b. Radko Dimitriovo (N 43-11, E 27-01), Shumen okoliya; and
- c. Chernovo (Sratsimir) (N 44-02, E 27-20), Varna okoliya.

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1.  Comment:  as of June 1949, there were eight Trudovak "oblasts" in Bulgaria, numbered 1 through 8 and located as follows: Sofia, Plovdiv, Sliven, Shumen, Turnovo, Plevan, Radomir, and Stara Zagora.  the Trudovaks were reorganized in November 1950 and were formed into four Trudovak divisions with headquarters in Sofia (1), Stara Zagora (2), Plevan (3), and Shumen (4).

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1. The Sharenka Mine is located approximately three kilometers south of Madan, Smolyan okoliya, and is exploited through both shaft and strip mining.
2. The principal ore of the Sharenka Mine is lead, with small amounts of pyrite and gold. The ore in the shaft is gray in color and has yellow crystals. When mined, it resembles a "damp dust." The ore obtained through strip mining is the same color, but does not have a yellow tint and does not fall apart when handled. The metallic content of the ore in an average seam is about 20 percent, although some seams have as high as 60 percent metal content.
3. The mine has one shaft which is worked in three 8-hour shifts per day. Each shift has approximately 40 Trudovaks and 20 civilian workers. This shaft produces about 200 tons of ore per day.
4. The strip was formerly exploited on a 2-shift basis, but at present is worked by only one 8-hour shift. Approximately 30 tons of ore are mined per day.
5. The ore is unloaded from the cars into trucks for transporting it to the processing plant at Madan. After processing, the ore is sent to Kurdzhali by truck.

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6. The Sharenka Mine is equipped with seven electrically-powered engines of Soviet make. These engines, two of which were supplied to the mine on 10 December 1952, are approximately 1.20 meters long, 80 centimeters wide, and about 1.20 meters high, and are used to pull as many as 30 loaded cars.
7. The following are other mines in the Madan area:
  - a. 9 September Mine, located approximately two kilometers south of Madan on the road from Madan to the Sharenka Mine;
  - b. Baram Mine, location unknown; work has been suspended at this mine, allegedly because of water seepage; and
  - c. Spoluka Mine, located 500 to 600 meters north of Madan.

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